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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Masayuki TOMOYASU )  
Application No.: 10/727,544 ) Group Art Unit: 2125  
Filed: December 5, 2003 ) Examiner: To be assigned  
For: PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEM AND )  
PROCESS CONTROL METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**A Substitute Specification** is included in this paper, beginning on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper,  
beginning on page 61.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include a **Clean Version of Substitute  
Specification.**